

HOUSE APP STEM COMPETITION FAQs

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What is the contest?

The Congressional STEM Competition was authorized by H.Res 77 to encourage student participation in STEM fields. Initially the competition will be in the field of computer science. Participating students in the district will develop an app on any platform of their choice. Congresswoman Brooks will appoint judges to evaluate the apps and select winners.

Who can participate?

High School students who live in or are eligible to enroll in high schools located in Indiana's 5th Congressional District can participate.

Can homeschooled students participate?

Yes, any student who lives in or is eligible to attend high school in Indiana's 5th Congressional District can compete.

When will the contest occur?

The first date for submission is Monday, February 3, 2014. Entries are due by Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Judging will occur in May with the final winner being announced late in May. The awards ceremony will be in late May or early June.

How do students register for the competition?

Students must register both on challengepost.com and on Congresswoman Brooks' website at www.susanwbrooks.gov.

What do students need to submit in order to participate?

Students will submit a demonstration video of their app along with an entry form. The source code for the app must be available for inspection by the judges.

Can students submit in teams?

Yes. The maximum team size is four students, two of whom must reside in or be eligible to attend high school in the 5th District.

Is this only open to high schoolers?

Yes, only high school students can participate.

How are apps judged?

Apps will be judged on the idea, implementation, and the impact of the app. More specific criteria will be released on Rep. Brooks' website.